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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No.: 04329.3209

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Hirofumi MURATANI     ) Group Art Unit: 2624  
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Application No.: 10/743,533     ) Examiner: Mackowey, Anthony M.  
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Filed: December 23, 2003     ) Confirmation No.: 7671  
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For: DIGITAL WATERMARK     )  
EMBEDDING APPARATUS,     )  
METHOD AND PROGRAM, AND     )  
DIGITAL WATERMARK     )  
DETECTION APPARATUS,     )  
METHOD AND PROGRAM     )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), fulfills the requirement for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and responds to the final Office Action mailed April 15, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.